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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2746 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BOGOTA
BRASILIA CARACAS MEXICO TOKYO DATED AUG 26:

QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2746

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TAGS: SPOP, UN, UNFPA

SUBJ: POPULATION

REF: SALAS-LEONARD MEMCON AUGUST 26, 1977 (NOTAL)

1. ON AUGUST 26 UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RAFAEL SALAS
DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR LEONARD SEVERAL POPULATION MATTERS
RELATING TO MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICA. SALAS
RECELTNY HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH LOPEZ-PORTILLO
IN MEXICO WHO EXPRESSED FIRM SUPPORT FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES.
NOTING THAT REDUCTION OF POPULATION GROWTH IS FUNDAMENTALLY
RELATED TO A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM,
SALAS INDICATED THAT LOPEZ-PORTILLO WAS INTERESTED IN
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EXPANDED POPULATION ASSISTANCE FROM BOTH MULTILATERAL AND
BILATERAL SOURCES. SALAS STATED THAT UNFPA WAS READY AND
WILLING TO SERVE AS THE MULTILATERAL CHANNEL, AND PREPARED
TO DISCUSS WITH THE USG MULTI-BI ARRANGEMENTS, IF DEEMED
APPROPRIATE.

2. WITH REGARD TO VENEZUELA, SALAS HAS DISCUSSED WITH

PRESIDENT PEREZ, PEREZ-GUERRERO AND OTHER CABINET OFFICERS
THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED VENEZUELAN INVOLVEMENT IN
POPULATION ACTIVITIES. THE VENEZUELAN HAVE INDICATED
AN INTEREST IN FINANCING POPULATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE
CARIBBEAN IN SOME COORDINATED FASHION, AND WILL PROBABLY
BE CONSIDERING AT THE CABINET LEVEL A UNFPA CONTRIBUTION
IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. SALAS ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER MISSION TO MEXICO, COLOMBIA,
BRAZIL AND THE US OF THE JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY FEDERATION
ON INTERNATIONAL POPULATION PROBLEMS. HEADED BY NOBUSUKI
KISHI, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN, THE GROUP CONSISTS
OF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES
(OTHER THAN COMMUNIST) AND IS VERY INFLUENTIAL. THE
FEDERATION IS SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
OR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE DURING ITS VISIT IN WASHINGTON.
COMMENT: USUN WOULD SUPPORT ACCOMMODATING THE FEDERATION'S
REQUEST AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE.
LEONARD.
UNQUOTE VANCE.

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